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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
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DEATH OF COL. J. L. POWER.

Mississippi Loses An Honored and Beloved Citizen.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 24.—Col. J. L. Power died at 12:32 o'clock this morning.

Col. John Logan Power was one of the most distinguished citizens of the State of Mississippi, and one of the most useful—a man who will be missed, not whose place can not be filled. He was 67 years of age, and had lived in Jackson nearly, if not quite, a half century. He was a native of Ireland, but came to this country when 16 years of age, penniless, and learned the printer's trade at Lockport, N. Y., and where, by the way, he visited a few years ago. From Lockport he drifted down to New Orleans, where he followed his profession for some time, and then came to Jackson, where he has remained ever since, save during the war between the States, when he gave four years to the South, going in as a private and coming out as a colonel.

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The duke and duchess of Cornwall and York reached Ottawa, Ont., and Canadian capital, on the 20th, and Canadian another great outpouring there was to give them a greeting of people and cordial welcome.

The principal point brought out in the Schley court of inquiry, on the 20th, was the fact that the Spanish cruiser Colon, aground in the harbor of Santiago, might have been destroyed by the "flying squadron" under Schley's command, but, for some reason, wasn't.

Lord Kitchener reported to the British war office, on the 20th, that the Boers had captured a company of mounted infantry and two guns at Vlakfontein. One officer was killed. The Boers, in superior force, surrounded the British.

FOUR BOER SUCCESSSES.

The "Defeated" Boers Doing Business at the Old Stands of Two Years Ago.

Exasperation in England Over the Conduct of the War—The Government Accused of Trying to Run "On the Cheap" by Not Providing Adequate Resources.

London, Sept. 23.—While Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds are drawing up petitions to President Roosevelt and the czar, asking them to intervene, the fighting Boers are helping themselves in South Africa by celebrating the expiration of the period in which Lord Kitchener proclaimed they must surrender by four notable successes, killing 65 officers and men, wounding 61, and capturing five guns and 300 men.

Recalls Two Years Ago.
The situation is singularly like the opening of the war, two years ago, the names of the same places recurring in the dispatches. Utrecht, where Maj. Gough was entrapped, was the scene of a similar ambushade 15 months back. Acton Homes, where the Boers, Friday, reappeared, is 13 miles southward of Ladysmith, prominent in the early hostilities, and the Natal colonials are mustering for the defense of the Tugela, as when Gen. Buller invaded Natal in 1899.

In Cape Colony, fighting is again going on south of Stormberg, in territory traversed by raiders and their pursuers half a dozen times.

The government's publication of these reverses causes an outburst of exasperation against the conduct of the war, not in South Africa but in the ministry. The great ministerial journals accuse the government of trying to run the war "on the cheap" by not providing Lord Kitchener with sufficient resources.

Lack of Organized Effort.
The Times, while it has no misgivings as to the final issue, accuses the home authorities of lack of organized, sustained effort, of a disposition to postpone military for financial considerations, and of failure to grasp the moral and intellectual damage which the prolongation of the struggle inflicts on the empire. Other mingling supporters aver that precious months which should have been spent in preparing for another campaign were wasted in electioneering, and that Lord Kitchener has not been supplied with the requisites.

The War in South Africa.
Gen. Kitchener Reports Reverses and Victories for the Troops Under Him.

London, Sept. 23.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, September 22:

"Kritzing, while endeavoring to force a passage of the Orange river near Herchel, at one o'clock Friday morning, rushed the camp of a party of Lovatt's scouts. He failed to cross the river, but the scouts lost heavily. Lieut.-Col. Hon. Andrew Murray, and Capt. Murray, his adjutant, were killed.

"Under the cover of darkness the Boers managed to carry off a gun. They were followed up and the gun was recovered in a smart engagement, in which Kitchener lost two killed and 20 taken prisoners."

Lord Kitchener also reports that the British captured by the Boers in the ambush near Schepers Nek, September 17, have been released, and that the British casualties in the recent Vlakfontein engagement, when the Boers captured a company of mounted infantry and two guns, were one officer and five men killed, 23 men wounded, and six officers and 199 men taken prisoners, since released.

He further reports the capture of two commandoes—one consisting of 55 men, under Commandant Koeks, who were taken, together with their entire transport, west of Edenburg, and the other, consisting of 54 men, including P. J. Botha, who were taken with 48 wagons and their belongings, 45 miles southeast of Carolina.

BOER ABSTRACTION APPEAL.
It Will Be Brought Before the Council of the Court of Arbitration at The Hague.

The Hague, Sept. 22.—Baron Van der Haeghe, Sept. 22.—Baron Van der Haeghe, the minister of foreign affairs, has forwarded to the legations and members of the council of the court of arbitration a copy of the Boer appeal for arbitration, with the notification that he intends to bring up the appeal for consideration at the first meeting of the council. The date of the meeting is not fixed.

AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE.
One Hundred and Forty Thousand French Troops Reviewed by the Russian Victors.

Betheny, France, Sept. 21, 1:15 p. m.—The czar, czar and President Loubet have just concluded a review of 140,000 troops on the plain of Betheny. The march past lasted from 10:45 a. m. till 1:10 p. m., terminating in a magnificent charge of 20,000 cavalry. The spectacle was very imposing, as the infantry went by 150 files deep, with fixed bayonets.

A Change of Base.
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